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Burmaster awards \$3.9 million in federal charter grants

Funding includes planning grants for 22 new charter schools

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster announced \$3.9 million in federal funding to support a second round of charter school grants for planning, start-up, and dissemination activities during the 2006-07 school year.

“These charter grants will reach students at all grade levels, from 4-year-old kindergarten through high school, with programming to serve children’s diverse needs,” Burmaster said. “We support grants for charter schools that are planned and operated to fill the needs of the local community and provide an educational program that boosts learning for all students and helps close the achievement gap.”

Last year, Wisconsin received a \$52 million, three-year federal competitive grant to expand the number of charter schools in the state and nation. This second round of grants for the 2006-07 school year provides funding for

- 22 planning grants, totaling \$220,000, to help plan new charter schools;
- four implementation grants, totaling \$600,000, for first-year operations of new charter schools;
- 16 implementation renewal grants, totaling \$2,351,500, for charter schools in the second year of operation; and
- five dissemination renewal grants, totaling \$750,000, for experienced charter schools to create and share a product or provide a service that can be used to adopt the charter school’s program or certain aspects of the program to expand charter schools in Wisconsin. Schools must be, at minimum, in their fourth year of successful operation to qualify for dissemination grants.

Total grant awards are \$3,921,500. Grant recipients also are eligible for supplemental funding based on their grant requests and success with the initial charter grant allocation.

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Charter schools are public schools that are accountable to their authorizing agency for performance measures included in the charter contract. Charter schools must employ licensed teachers, involve parents, administer statewide tests, and comply with federal regulations that govern all public schools. Under state law, school districts can authorize an unlimited number of charter schools. In addition, the City of Milwaukee, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee Area Technical College, and University of Wisconsin-Parkside, have authority to charter schools. Wisconsin currently has 188 charter schools in operation

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NOTE: A list of charter grants follows. This news release is available electronically at < http://www.dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2006_158.pdf >.

Charter School Grants

October Applications - 2006-07 Fiscal Year

Planning Awards (22)

Appleton Area School District
Appleton North Career Academy, \$10,000

Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine
R-NEW Trades Charter School, \$10,000

Beloit School District
Camelot Campus, \$10,000

Columbus School District
Early Childhood Family Education Center, \$10,000

Erin School District
The Erin Charter School, \$10,000

Janesville School District
CRES Academy, \$10,000

Kenosha School District
Kenosha Expeditionary Learning High School, \$10,000

Ladysmith-Hawkins School District
Health Care Academy, \$10,000

Manitowoc Public School District
*Manitowoc County Comprehensive
Charter School, \$10,000
McKinley Academy, \$10,000*

Milwaukee Public Schools
*Foster and Williams High School
of the Visual Arts, \$10,000
Milwaukee Academy of Chinese Language, \$10,000
New Small Learning Communities High School, \$10,000
S.H.A.R.E. Academy, \$10,000
School for Urban Planning and Architecture, \$10,000*

Oshkosh Area School District
*Jacob Shapiro Brain-Based Instruction
Laboratory School, \$10,000*

Sauk Prairie School District
WINGS Academy for Early Learning, \$10,000

Sheboygan Area School District
Northeast Wisconsin Montessori School, \$10,000

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Seeds of Health Elementary Program, \$10,000

Wauwatosa School District
Tosa School of Health Science and Technology, \$10,000

West Allis-West Milwaukee School District
West Allis-West Milwaukee Success Academy, \$10,000

West De Pere School District
Phantom Knight School of Opportunity, \$10,000

Implementation Awards — Initial (4)

Central/Westosha UHS
Central Charter School, \$150,000

Flambeau School District
Whitetail Academy, \$150,000

Kenosha Unified School District
Kenosha eSchool, \$150,000

Sheboygan Area School District
Washington School for Comprehensive Literacy, \$150,000

Implementation Awards — Renewal (16)

Appleton Area School District
*Appleton Public Montessori, \$150,000
Fox River Academy, \$150,000*

Augusta School District
Wildlands Science Research Charter School, \$150,000

City of Milwaukee
Maasai Institute, \$150,000

Janesville School District
Janesville Academy for International Studies, \$150,000

Kiel Area School District
Meeme LEADS Charter School, \$150,000

Kimberly Area School District
Caring Opportunities for Recovery Education, \$150,000

Lena School District
LEARN, \$150,000

Medford Area School District
Rural Virtual Academy, \$150,000

Menasha School District
Chance II Charter School, \$106,500

Sheboygan Area School District
Riverview Academy Charter School, \$150,000

Shorewood School District
New Horizons for Learning, \$150,000

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Inland Seas School of Expeditionary Learning, \$145,000

Wausau School District
*New Horizons Charter School, \$150,000
Wausau Area Montessori Charter School, \$150,000*

Wisconsin Rapids School District
Central Cities Health Institute, \$150,000

Dissemination Renewal Awards (5)

Appleton Area School District
Appleton eSchool, \$150,000

Kiel Area School District
Kiel eSchool, \$150,000

Milwaukee Public Schools
Fairview Charter School, \$150,000

Stevens Point Area School District
*McDill Academies, \$150,000
Wisconsin River Academy, \$150,000*